

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

DONAHUE *et al.*

Appl. No. *To be assigned*  
(continuation of 09/895,202; Filed July 2, 2001)

Filed: January 22, 2004

For: **Method Capable of Increasing  
Competency of Bacterial Cell  
Transformation**

Confirmation No.: *To be assigned*

Art Unit: *To be assigned*

Examiner: *To be assigned*

Atty. Docket: 0942.4710003/RWE/FRC

**Preliminary Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In advance of prosecution in the above-identified application, Applicants submit the following Preliminary Amendment. This Amendment is provided in the following format:

- (A) Each section begins on a separate sheet;
- (B) Starting on a separate sheet, amendments to the specification by presenting replacement paragraphs marked up to show changes made;
- (C) Starting on a separate sheet, a complete listing of all of the claims:
  - in ascending order;
  - with status identifiers; and
  - with markings in the currently amended claims;
- (D) Starting on a separate sheet, the Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this

paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.